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1. (Currently amended) A computer peripheral comprising:

a housing for containing two normally separately housed peripherals for saving space at a checkout station including a receipt printer, including a housing at a checkout station, and a bar code reader in the housing; and

control circuitry in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling transaction computer at the checkout station and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling transaction computer over a single cable during a sale of products completed by the transaction computer.

2. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the bar code reader comprises an imaging scanner.

3. (Original) The peripheral of claim 2, wherein the imaging scanner comprises a charge coupled device scanner.

4. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the bar code reader comprises a presentation scanner.

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5. (Currently amended) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the housing was originally designed to only contain the printer, and wherein the bar code reader is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the printer.

6. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the control circuitry comprises a universal serial bus hub.

7. (Currently amended) A computer peripheral comprising:

a housing for containing two normally separately housed peripherals for saving space at a checkout station including a universal serial bus receipt printer in the housing; and a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling transaction computer at the checkout station and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling transaction

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computer over a single cable during a sale of products  
completed by the transaction computer.

8. (Currently amended) A transaction system comprising:  
a controlling transaction computer at a checkout station,  
including a universal serial bus controller; and  
a computer peripheral at the checkout station and  
separately housed from the controlling transaction computer  
including

a housing for containing two normally separately  
housed peripherals for saving space at the checkout station  
including a universal serial bus receipt printer in the  
housing; and a universal serial bus charge coupled device  
scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a  
presentation scanner and is located in a position in the  
housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt  
printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for  
facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer  
and the transaction computer and bar code data between the bar  
code reader and the transaction computer over a single cable  
between the universal serial bus hub and the universal serial  
bus controller during a sale of products completed by the  
transaction computer.